

Alaska FASD Partnership STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES – November 13, 2013

- I. **Introductions** – Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus (parent, coordinator for Manilaaq, GCDSE), Sean O'Brien (DVR, GCDSE, AMHB), Wendy Barrett (parent, program manager, Stone Soup Group, GCDSE), Mike Baldwin (Alaska Mental Health Trust), Lakota Holman (ANTHC), Trish Smith (VOA), Adam Rutherford (mental health programs, DOC), Alex Edwards & Lucia Neander (Arctic FASD RTC), Mike Jeffery (Barrow Superior Court), Vickie Tinker (Kenai FASD Clinic), Teri Tibbett (Alaska Mental Health Board/Advisory Board on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse).
- II. **Approval of Agenda.** Approved.
- III. **Approval of Minutes – 9.11.13.** Approved.
- IV. **Member Updates**
 - GCDSE Working Group** (Jeanne) – The DD committee of the GCDSE is developing a workgroup to address FASD with an action-oriented plan. Are in the process of collecting names of people who are interested, followed by establishing a meeting schedule and action plan. Send Jeanne an email if you're interested in joining. Goals include getting more appropriate services available, with a focus on both rural and urban areas, for individuals and families impacted by FASD.
 - FASD Into Action** (Wendy) – Will begin offering FASD Into Action in Anchorage Jan 15-March 5. May go to other parts of the state. Trainer: Wendy McCaleb. Maximum 20 families. Contact Wendy at Stone Soup Group
 - FASD Into Action** (Jeanne) - Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus and Tami Eller can offer *FASD Into Action* and *FASD Into Action Train the Trainers* statewide. Contact Jeanne for information.
 - FASD Camps** (Trish) – This year's camps: Mat Su, Feb 14-17 and Fairbanks, Feb 28-March 2. Will offer *FASD Into Action* and other camp activities. Contact Trish Smith at VOA for information.
 - Barrow** (Mike Jeffery) – The Anchorage Daily News is doing a year study on the effects of alcohol in Alaska, with FASD coming to the forefront. The reporters have been in Barrow and interviewing lots of people. The reporter's comment was that they don't have much in the archives on FASD and so they're interested in adding to it. KTUU is also interested.
 - Travis Hedwig** (Mike Baldwin) - Travis Hedwig, who did his dissertation on FASD related issues, is back in Alaska at Circumpolar Health working on different projects and wants to be involved in the statewide FASD efforts.
 - FASD in Dept. of Corrections (DOC)** (Adam) – DOC recently received approval to recruit a culturally-relevant provider who can screen and offer services for people in DOC with FASD. The project would provide transition(re-entry) services to help people transition with supports back into the rural communities. They're working with Canadian Department of Corrections to see what screening tool they're using, and once identified, will work on creating separate "units" for people with FASD. Currently, DOC is working with Anchorage Community Mental Health Services to identify and work with people with mental illness, want to partner with Native health organizations to help identify culturally-relevant. Lakota noted they have connections with other tribal agencies who
 - Juneau Working Group** (Teri) – The Juneau-based working group has started meeting and are working in a variety of areas to address FASD in southeast Alaska, including facilitating the

opening of the Juneau Diagnostic Clinic, working with the university system to enhance/develop curriculum, developing an FASD Resource Center, monthly articles to Juneau Empire newspaper, school classroom opportunities, and organizing a Whitecrow camp in Juneau.

FASD Curriculums – The state (Department of Health & Social Services) offers FASD 101 and FASD 201. The Arctic FASD Regional Training Center at UAA has a curriculum that is a blend of FASD 101 & 201 and training from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control). Trish mentioned curriculum for teens. Diane Malbin at FASCETS offers *FASD Into Action*. SAMHSA has *Tools For Success*. Also check out Hays Kids curriculum at www.hayskids.com. Lakota shared “Service to Science” thru SAMHSA, to develop a local evidence-based practice, and a 10-month project to show the effectively “Spirit of Youth” and “Anchorage School District” and “Center for Excellence.”

Case Manager Service Providers – There are mixed results with the state’s contracts for FASD case managers, including, case managers cannot be on a diagnostic team; Medicaid/Denali KidCare must be billed first for unresourced individuals; Stone Soup Group has a regional case manager in Juneau who provides case management free of charge.

SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment) (Alex) – Center for Behavioral Health was awarded a 3-year grant from SAMHSA to implement training and education program for allied health providers (nurses, social workers, psychology programs at UAA, and Family Residency Program at Providence Hospital) to carry out SBIRT training for students before they go out into the field. Alex is the coordinator of that project).

V. Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Alcohol-related Focus Group (Teri, Mike) – The Trust’s new focus area related to alcohol will also address issues related FASD. They are looking for evidence-based recommendations.

VI. Alaska NeuroDisabilities Support Coalition (ANDSC) (Teri) – There is movement starting to bring together stakeholders (individuals, family members, providers, agencies) who share a common interest in addressing the needs of people with a variety of brain-related disabilities, including FASD, TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury), complex behavior disorders, etc.

VII. FASD Pilot Project in DOC, DJJ, OCS – The Department of Corrections is looking for an FASD screening tool to use in a pilot project. They’re communicating with folks in Canada, and have been given Diane Malbin’s FASCETS neurobehavioral screening tool to review.

VIII. Next meeting: February 12, 2014.